IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1 at line 2, insert the following heading: <u>FIELD</u>

At page 1 at line 5, insert the following heading: <u>BACKGROUND</u>

At page 1 at line 18, insert the following heading: <u>SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION</u>

At page 1 at line 21, insert the following heading: <u>BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE</u>
<u>DRAWINGS</u>

At page 1 at line 30, insert the following heading: <u>DETAILED DESCRIPTION</u>

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 8 (i.e., the first full paragraph on page 2) with the following paragraph:

The TDM output at the destination is isochronous and determined by f_{regen}. This is provided by the Digitally Controlled Oscillator (DCO) (22) in Figure 2. The output is supplied from a Packet Delay Variation (PDV) Buffer (12). If the buffer has zero packets in it when the TDM output requires to transmit then an underrun will occur, which is undesirable. In order to minimise underrun events it is necessary to build up the PDV buffer (12) so that it contains sufficient packets to supply the TDM output (15) for the majority of inter packet delays. However, the PDV buffer (12) cannot be made arbitrarily large because this directly increases the end to end latency which, in general, is required to be as low as possible, the maximum tolerable latency being dependent on the application. For example, voice requires lower latency than data.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 25 (i.e., the third full paragraph on page 2) with the following paragraph:

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